ABSTRACT

A femtosecond or picosecond laser beam is split into first and second laser beams which are irradiated onto an optical fiber core at an interference angle of 90 degrees to generate a change in the refractive indices of the optical fiber core, depending on the light intensity distribution of the interference fringes, such that a grating is written in the core.

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A femtosecond laser radiation or a picosecond laser V.radiation-output from light source 6 is split into a first beam and second leser beams which are Vreflected to an angle of 90 degrees by a beam splitter 7 and a-straightly-advancing-second-beam-cut-out-by-the-beam-splitter 7. The first-beam is reflected at an angle of 90 degrees by -a-second-reflecting-mirror-9, reflected again at an angle of 90-degrees by a fourth-reflecting mirror-11, and is collimated by a second lens 15 to be irradiated onto an optical fiber core wire 13 to be written. The second beam is reflected at an angle of-90-degrees-by-a-first-reflection-mirror-8, reflected again at an angle of 90 degrees by a second reflection mirror 10, and is collimated by a first lens 14 to be irradiated onto the at an interference angle of 90 degrees optical fiber core wire-13-to-be written. The femtosecond laser output from the light source 6-is split into two-by the beam splitter 7, which interfere with each other in the vicinity -of-the core of the optical fiber core wire 13 to generate a change in the refractive indices of the glass depending on the light intensity distribution of the interference fringes, such agraTing is that the gratings are written in the core 1.